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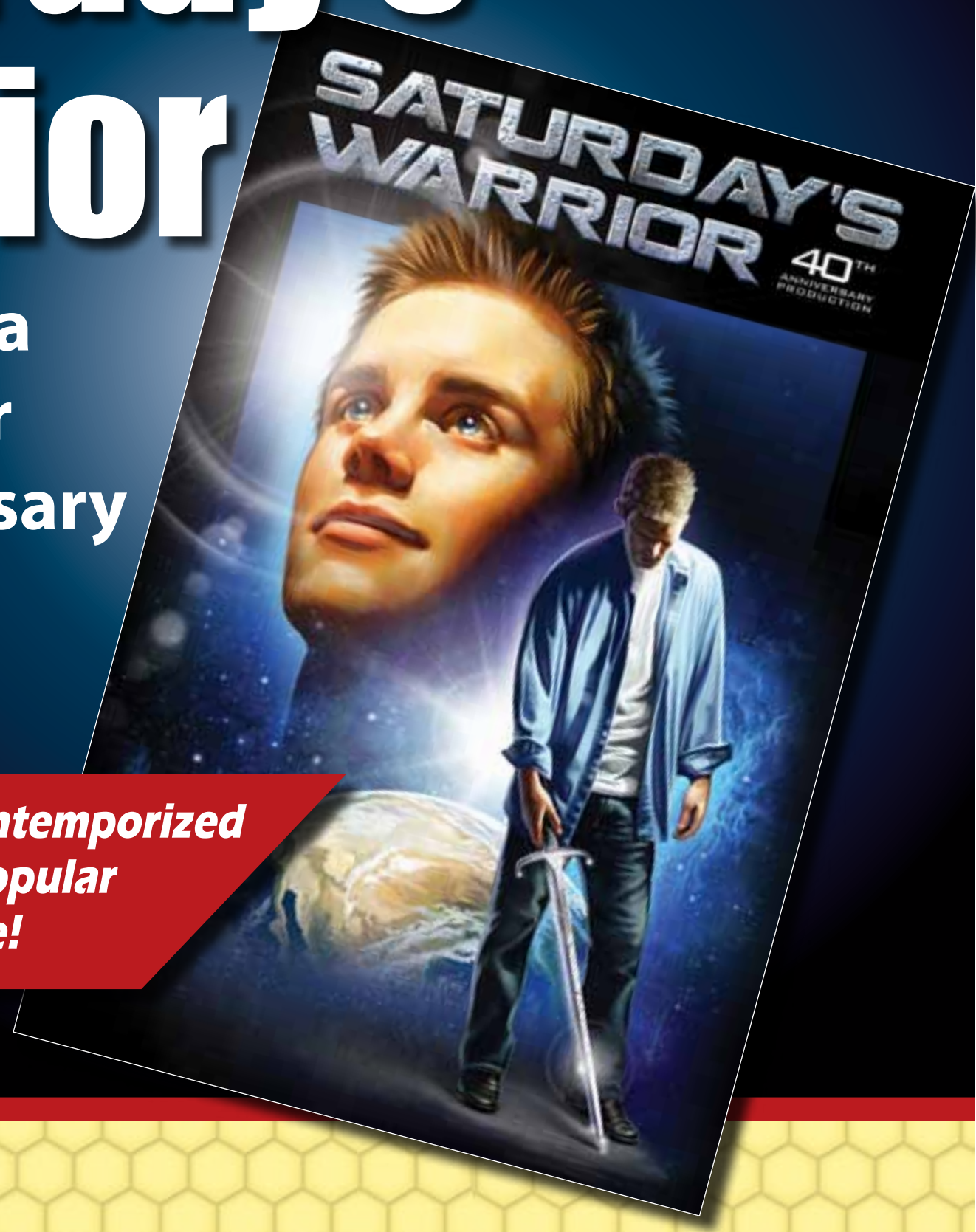

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SATURDAY'S WARRIOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION

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Bigger & Better Than Ever!

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

For the past several weeks, dozens of actors and actresses, dancers and choir members have rehearsed the updated version of the popular LDS musical, "Saturday's Warrior," now being performed in the East Valley.

Dozens of chorus and cast members, musicians, dancers, set designers and crew, from across the Phoenix metro area, have spent many months in rehearsals and working behind the scenes, all preparing for the historic return of the 40th anniversary production of "Saturday's Warrior," which opened June 26 in Gilbert.

"To bring 'Saturday's Warrior' back after 40 years has been a major undertaking. I really don't think anything quite like this has ever been done before—but, then, there's never really been anything quite like 'Saturday's Warrior,'" says director, Norlan Jacobs.

Indeed, from the time it was first performed in 1974, "Saturday's Warrior" seemed to create a "perfect storm"—just the right blend of humor and dramatic tension, heartwarming characters and interesting story line, toe-tapping music and memorable lyrics, and a message that gave a chance to talk about—and maybe even ques-

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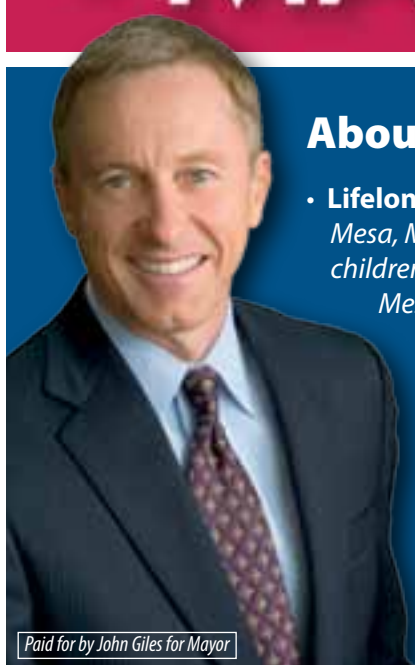

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tion—the eternal nature of relationships and just what the preexistence may have been like.

Called the "most popular LDS musical of all time," the original "Saturday's Warrior" had its first appearance in 1973, when Doug Stewart's script won first place in the Utah Playwriting Contest. Several other wins followed, as Doug, with composer and co-writer, Lex de Azevedo, formed two touring companies, which played to sell-out audiences in California, Utah and the other western states.

Norlan Jacobs, director and mastermind of Arizona's 40th Anniversary production, was the original director of the Utah Company, starting in 1974.

"We played at three venues, sold out more than 200 performances and played to a quarter of a million patrons," he says.

Two years ago, Norlan presented Doug Stewart with his idea of doing "an updated, rewritten, contemporary, 40th Anniversary version" of "Saturday's Warrior." "Doug came back with a very positive response, and with his hope and confidence that this would very likely be the best production of 'Saturday's Warrior' ever," Norlan says, and Dreamweaver Productions was licensed to produce "Saturday's Warrior" in Arizona.

With the show that opened June 26 and will run on a limited engagement, but at least until the middle of July, audiences will again came to know the Flinders family and the eight children, who, while waiting in the pre-existence to be born on earth, promise that they will always be there for each other to help one another through the struggles they will face. Yet, once they are on earth, and with those preexistent commitments veiled from their memory, two of the children in particular, Jimmy and Julie, encounter personal struggles which bring to light questions about the eternal nature of family and about foreordained missions in life. The play follows Jimmy as he deals with peer pressure and searches for truth.

Photo by Steve Porter

For the 40th Anniversary show of Saturday's Warrior, the roles have all been double cast with top-quality performers from across the Valley. Shown above is one version of the Flinders Family, whose stage story became well-known when it was first performed in the 1980s.

Updates to the new play include changes to the script, the lyrics and the costuming to make the musical more relevant to today. In addition, a modern set, complete with a rotating section in the center, along with highly technical artistic effects will add to the appeal for today's audience.

Jerry Jackman of Jackman Music has helped with the orchestration and music, so, "For the first time, the musical will be accompanied by a full, live orchestra, as well as reintroducing a live choir," Norlan says. "This will further enhance the musical richness of this production, even surpassing that of the original record-setting Utah Production and far superior to what people have seen in old video recordings over the years."

Brother Jacobs says, "We've got an excellent, wonderful, extremely talented cast. All of the roles are double cast, and every one of these performers are amazing.

"It's just the biggest, most beautiful, most entertaining version of 'Saturday's Warrior' ever," he says, "and most of all, it causes audiences to consider, 'What am I doing with my life? Who am I?' and it allows the spirit to come in."

"There is magic in the songs and power in the story. Together, it becomes an unforgettable experience for audiences," says Michele Baer, who plays the matron and opens the show, singing the lyrics, "Who are these children coming down?" Michele, who saw the original show as a teenager, says. "People won't believe how professional and exciting this production is. They will be amazed and will want to come back again and again."

Kristin Mabb agrees. Kristin, who is cast as Mrs. Flinders and as the matron, is a performer by trade, who,

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among other things, worked at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. She says, "I had done nothing for seven years," but she jumped at the chance to participate in "Saturday's Warrior."

"Saturday's Warrior was a show I watched every Sunday when I was a child. I love the music," she says. "Now, with this new, updated show, many more people will come to love Saturday's Warrior like so many did in the '80s and '90s. The show is a catchy, focused-on-the- family show. Church members will be able to bring their nonmember friends, who can learn without it being preachy, how important the family is."

Ryan Edwards, cast as Mr. Flinders, also remembers seeing the show as a youth. "I felt the spirit really strong, and it strengthened my testimony." He says he tried out because, "I wanted to help recreate that and give that back to youth today."

Carson Saline, who will play the lead role of Jimmy, wasn't familiar with the play, but quickly felt a connection to the music and the story.

Carson says. "This really is a dream role. I feel a strong personal connection to the music Jimmy sings and what he goes through, and I really want the message to come through."

"The talent pool is so strong here in Arizona, and we truly have cast the best talent available from this community," says Brother Jacobs. "They are professional and highly motivated, the chorus and orchestra are amazing and the dancers—well, I believe people will come to see the show for a second time just to see the dancers alone."

Brother Jacobs says his staff has been equally professional and dedicated to producing the best show ever. "Linda Dorathy, my production assistant, Kristen Malakey, our choreographer; Mary Ellen Reese Loose, our music director; Lori Woods, assistant music director, who is working with the chorus; and Eric Fielding, who did a magnificent job designing our set. Then, there's Steve and Liz Porter, who are doing photography, props and visuals…these are just some of those who have contributed."

Brother Jacobs says, "Everyone has been so supportive and wonderful. We've seen people volunteer and provide financial support, and, we are grateful for the many contributions. Most of all, we appreciate the help in spreading the word and encouraging people to attend the show. This show is back by popular demand, and is destined to capture the hearts of the newest generation of 'Saturday's Warrior' fans."

"It's a phenomenal production," says Michele. "You get a feeling of heaven on earth, an eternal perspective, through the magic of theater and music."

"Saturday's Warrior" is being performed in the Higley Center for the Performing Arts at 4132 E Pecos Rd in Gilbert. Tickets are available through their box office, at local Deseret Book stores or on www.saturdayswarrioraz.com. Help spread the word on Facebook by liking the Saturday's Warrior AZ page.

Photo by Norlan Jacobs

"Saturday's Warrior," now playing at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts, includes, as part of this updated 40th Anniversary show, a high-tech stage and multi-media backdrops, and, new, contemporized lyrics and costumes, including those for the song, "Daddy's Genes," shown left.

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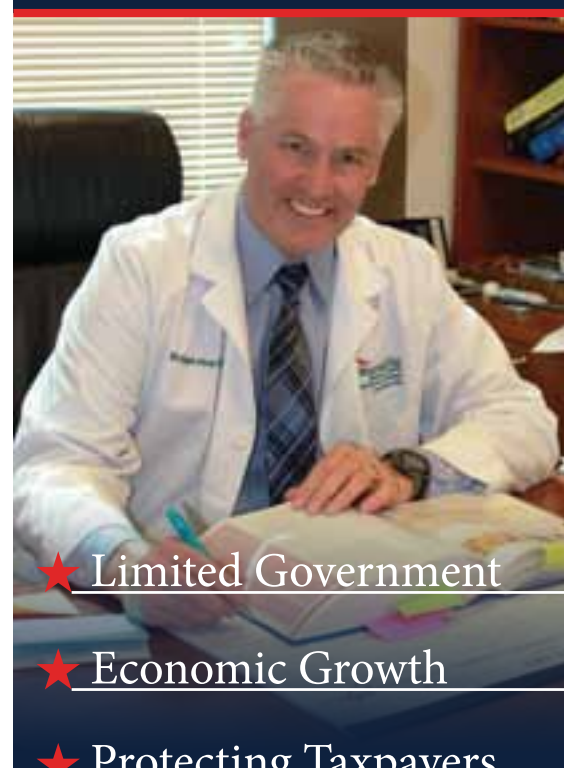

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In addition to providing medical care to thousands of Arizonans, Ralph Heap has devoted a substantial portion of his medical career to providing free medical care to those less fortunate all across the world on nearly every continent.

A proud husband, father, and grandfather, Ralph Heap has been married to Denise for nearly 40 years. Ralph has three grown children and seven grandchildren. In his spare time, he spends time with his family, volunteers for his church, and plays banjo in a bluegrass band.

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With life in the balance, young man demonstrates unfathomable FAITH

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

At first, when Tyler Hallsey, a normally coordinated, extremely athletic, 13-year-old, began having difficulty with his balance, his parents, Chris and Kathleen Hallsey, of the Anthem Ward, Deer Valley Stake, thought it was normal signs of aging or lingering issues from when he and his brother had bumped heads while playing football, hitting hard enough to knock out Tyler's front tooth.

To check it out, his parents took him to the emergency room at Phoenix Children's Hospital on February 8, 2013. Within a couple of hours, they learned the devastating truth. Tyler was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

"It's a tumor surrounding the brain stem," Chris explains, "a rare, deadly childhood cancer. Only about 150 children a year are diagnosed with this disease in the U.S., and there's no cure."

Tyler is the third of the Hallsey's four children—with two older sisters Kylie, 20; McKenzie, 18; and a younger brother, Tanner. To say the family was shaken, is an understatement; but, from the beginning, Tyler demonstrated faith and fortitude far beyond his years. Shortly after the diagnosis, when Tyler's mom left the room to call her parents with the news, his dad talked to

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Photo courtesy Chris Hallsey

The Hallsey Family, (l to r) sisters Kylie and McKenzie; dad, Chris; mom, Katherine; and brother, Tanner, have reached out in support of Tyler and to bless others' lives as well after Tyler was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer.

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While the Bee-line works in tandem with the Beehive, it is a separate venture, compiled and e-mailed free of charge by Beehive editor, Cecily Markland. For details about submitting an event to the Bee-line or about classified advertising, e-mail writeone@cox.net.

If you once were on the Bee-line list, but haven't been receiving transmissions or to have your e-mail address added for the first time, email writeone@cox.net with "add" in the subject line.

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him about the difficult road ahead.

"I asked Tyler what he thought we should do, and he emphatically said, 'Whatever it takes,'" Chris says.

Over the past 16 months, that "whatever" has been a series of painful treatments and countless disappointments, including when the Hallseys learned the tumor was growing and when Tyler lost the use of the left side of his body, and then the right.

Still, those 16 months have been filled with amazing support from the community and ward members; with countless fundraisers and with meeting a host of sports stars, including Jimmer Fredette, BYU legend turned NBA star; and with the Hallseys being treated to a Make a Wish Trip to Disneyland with former NFL player Kurt Warner and his family.

By the time Tyler turned 15 on June 8, he was unable to get out of bed, unable to talk and, yet, he remains faithful, cheerful and determined to make his illness be something that helps others.

"I believe a person's true character is amplified in tough situations," Chris says. "It shows who you really are. Tyler has demonstrated even more faith, unfathomable faith."

And, he continues to share that faith. Tyler's Facebook page, with the scripture reference, Matthew 19:26, and the words, "With man this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" has been "liked" by more than 11,000 people. The blog his dad started, www.prayfortyler.com, includes story after story of Tyler's heroism and example.

Recently, Chris wrote, "… I saw the sheet just above his right arm moving slightly. I pulled it back to see his elbow being lifted off the pillow just a little, maybe a half inch (this is the only movement he hasn't lost). …He was really working hard. … exercising and doing all he could to get stronger and fight ...lifting his elbow a half-inch. He was happy about something so simple, when he could, and probably should be angry that this is all he has left, but he chooses to be happy and excited. He teaches me every day what it means to not just endure, but endure well. … If Tyler can find joy, happiness and a sense of accomplishment in a half-inch, then what's my excuse?"

Chris says their family believes, "There is a specific reason Tyler is going through this." For now, they pray for greater understanding, and they take comfort in the notes from "people who are changing their lives because of what Tyler is going through."

"He really is Superman. I am in complete awe and amazement at the way my hero has battled with such dignity, humility, faith and love," Chris says. "He was so prophetic when he first said the words, 'Whatever it takes.'"

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Creg Donald Ostler and his wife, Sondra Davies Ostler have been called to the Philippines Manila Mission

Lynden Lothaire Bluth and his wife, Connie Jean Watkins Bluth, have been called to the Chile Concepción South Mission.

Mathew Charles Greer and his wife, Terrilyn Haynes Greer, have been called to the Mexico Xalapa Mission.

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Steven Jay Merrill and his wife, Brenda Joyce Larson Merrill, have been called to the South Africa Cape Town Mission.

Four Men from ARIZONA Called as Mission Presidents

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Four men from Arizona have been called as mission presidents, and, with their wives, reported to the mission field this summer.

Lynden Lothaire Bluth, 63, of the Lindsay Ward, was serving as Gilbert Arizona Val Vista Stake president when he and his wife, Connie Jean Watkins Bluth, were called to preside over the Chile Concepción South Mission.

"It was totally unexpected," Sister Bluth says; and President Bluth adds, "It was a very humbling experience." After a call from Salt Lake asking about their circumstances and availability, a mission call came two weeks later via a video conference with President Henry B. Eyring.

They will lead a mission that includes four districts, and, "The mission president is stake president to those districts," President Bluth explains.

"One of our greatest responsibilities is training missionaries and being an example to them," Sister Bluth says.

The Bluths have already witnessed the tremendous organization and infrastructure that supports the Church's missionary efforts. "We've learned, too, that there is a great emphasis on the doctrines of Christ, and on helping missionaries understand and teach doctrine," President Bluth says.

"That's what it's really all about. It's not about the numbers at all," Sister Bluth says.

In addition to serving as stake president, President Bluth formerly served as bishop, high councilor, high priests group leader, counselor in a ward Young Men presidency and Scoutmaster. Sister Bluth has been a stake Relief Society

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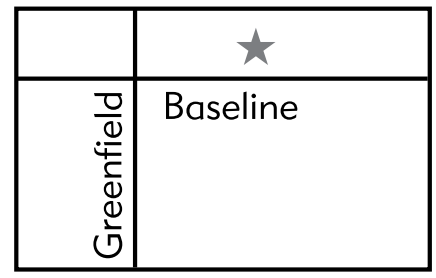

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Creg Donald Ostler, 56, of Northridge Ward, Mesa Arizona Hermosa Vista Stake, has been called as the Philippines Manila Mission president and will serve with his wife, Sondra Davies Ostler. Their 14-year-old son will accompany them as well.

"It feels like the best time in the world to be in the mission field," President Ostler says. They will oversee 250 missionaries, of which "70 percent are not Americans. A lot are converts, some have families who are not members."

"Our job will be to support them in inviting others to Christ," he says, noting that their success in leading the mission will be measured, "in the lives of the missionaries 20 years from now, in whether they are living the gospel and are happy in their families."

President Ostler served in the Austria Vienna Mission and as a stake president, stake mission president, stake executive secretary and bishop. Sister Ostler has served as a counselor in a stake Primary presidency, ward Relief Society presidency, ward Young Women president and ward missionary.

Mathew Charles Greer, 60, and his wife, Terrilyn Haynes Greer, of the Elliot Ward, Gilbert Arizona Stake, were Perpetual Education Fund missionaries in the Honduras Tegucigalpa Mission when a call was extended to lead the 225 missionaries in the Mexico Xalapa Mission.

"We loved the people in Honduras, but are excited to do what the Lord would have us do in Mexico," says President Greer. "The whole process of hastening the work is taking over, and we're excited to be part of it."

Brother Greer has been stake Young Men president, bishop, stake executive secretary, institute teacher, and temple ordinance worker and served in the Guatemala/El Salvador Mission. Sister Greer is a former counselor in a stake Relief Society presidency, ward Young Women president, Relief Society compassionate service leader, temple ordinance worker and ward missionary.

The fourth new mission president from Arizona is Steven Jay Merrill, 59, of the Sun City West Ward, Surprise Arizona North Stake, who will serve with his wife, Brenda Joyce Larson Merrill, in the South Africa Cape Town Mission. The Merrills formerly served together as Church-service missionaries. He has also served as a counselor in an elders quorum presidency, ward Young Men adviser and institute teacher. He served in the Canada Toronto Mission and is a retired LDS chaplain in the United States Air Force. Sister Merrill is a former ward Relief Society president, ward Primary president, Cub Scout leader and ward Young Women adviser.

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Hometown "Son" Called as

Snowflake Temple President

By Linda Turley-Hansen
The Beehive

Most of their lives, but especially in the past decade, George Merlin Hancock and his wife, Sherylin (Sherry) Stratton Hancock, have been being prepared to direct the Lord's work in the Snowflake Temple. Today, they understand what has been at work.

Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently called Brother Hancock, age 72, and Sister Hancock as Snowflake Temple President and Matron. The Hancocks assume their responsibilities in November, with First Counselor, Richard Quentin Miller, of the Winslow Stake, and his wife, Linda Lee Fairbanks Miller, assist to the matron; and Second Counselor, David William Scott, of the Snowflake Stake, and his wife, Diane Davis Scott, as assistant to the matron.

For the Hancocks, the duties will be somewhat familiar as President Hancock served as counselor and Sister Hancock as assistant to the matron when Lewis N. Tenney, Jr., was Temple President several years ago.

However, the size of the temple district offers new challenges every day. Within the district, which stretches hundreds of miles to the east and west in Arizona's north country, there are more than 38,000 members, divided into 11 stakes with 99 wards and branches.

President Hancock currently serves as sealer and ward mission leader. He has served as bishop, on the high council and as a temple ordinance worker. Part of his preparation was his four years as temple superintendent, during which he opened and closed the temple each day. He speaks with awe of the early morning light that floods the celestial room, the intensity and glory of the colors offering up spiritual experiences. He's blessed to know every nook and cranny, every element that makes up the space he will supervise.

Sister Hancock is a ward missionary. In addition to serving as assistant to the matron and temple ordinance worker, she's held virtually every leadership position available to sisters in the Church auxiliaries

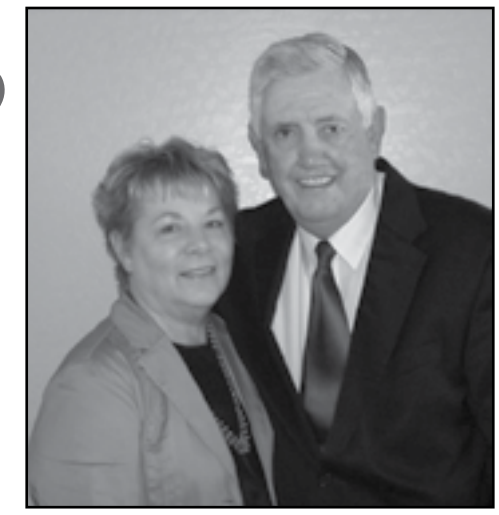
President Hancock was born in Snowflake, the son of Samuel Arthur and Florence Vera Colbath Hancock. Sister Hancock also was born in Snowflake to Eldon Hunt and Pearl Freeman Stratton.

They agree, each presidency brings unique strengths and cultures to the temple: "We are committed to loving the people and to letting them see that we love them." President Hancock speaks particularly of the great love they feel for the "Children of Lehi," the Native Americans who are patrons. It is the Native American Southwest influence which makes up much of the temple décor.

They say it is notable that this rural temple, set atop a beautiful, windy knoll, west of the city proper, is a center of community service with no paid employees. President Hancock tells that a few years ago, in one of his annual engineer reports, it was calculated that volunteers in laundry, cleaning and offices gave 39,000 hours of service. The count did not include temple ordinance workers.

The Hancocks ponder their calling, saying, "The temple changes you. It changes your heart. It gives greater capacity to love everyone no matter what you're doing." In capitalizing on that gift, their goal is to extend "great effort for harmony" within the temple walls.

The couple are parents of five children and nearly 42 grandchildren and great-grands. President Hancock is a retired superintendent of Snowflake Pulp and Paper Mill.



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George Merlin Hancock has been called as the new president of the Snowflake Arizona Temple with his wife, Sherylin (Sherry) Stratton Hancock, who will serve as the temple matron.

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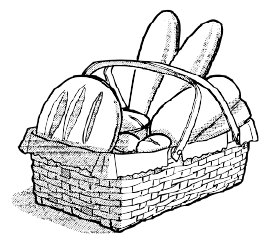

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Stan Turley

Statesman and Church Leader, Passes Away at 93

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Arizona native and long-time legislator and Church leader, Stanley Frederick Turley passed away on April 26, at 93.

At his passing, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer issued a statement, calling Turley, "a statesman in every sense of the word."

"More than that," she continued, "he was an admired colleague, beloved family man and dear friend to everyone who had the fortune of knowing him."

Born February 27, 1921, in Snowflake, and raised on Sundown Ranch in Aripine, Ariz., Turley attended Brigham Young University on a football scholarship from 1938 to 1941 before serving a mission for the LDS Church to the Eastern States.

Following his mission, he served in the Army Air Corp during World War II and married his college sweetheart, Cleo Olson, in 1944. He was a farmer and rancher as well as assistant vice-president of First Interstate Bank.

For more than two decades, he served in the Arizona State Legislature. Turley, a Republican, was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 1964. After eight years in the House, Turley served in the state Senate for 14 years. He served one term as Speaker of the House and two terms as President of the Senate.

"During his tenure, he participated in and oversaw some of the more significant policy moves in Arizona history, from the creation of a groundwater-management code to the launch of a Medicaid alternative to provide health coverage to low-income Arizonans," the Arizona Republic states.

In addition to his public service, Turley also was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in local Church leadership. When Apostle Spencer W. Kimball organized the new Mesa South Stake, he called Stan Turley to be the first Stake President. Later, Turley served as a Stake Patriarch. From 1986 to 1988, Stan and Cleo served a couples' mission in St. George, Utah, where they directed the Church Visitors' Center.

Stan was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years. He is survived by their seven children, Tauna Lowe (Bryan), Margo Freestone (Steven), Jana Short (Mike), Rick Turley (Marysue Tidwell), Mimi Bowden (Brent), Lisa Stevens and Lesley Shepherd (Mike), and by 28 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren.

Stan's son, Rick Turley, of the Gilbert 9th Ward, Gilbert Val Vista Stake, says, "Dad was always very busy with church, legislature, banking, farming and a large family, but we never felt neglected or like other things were more important."

"Of course," he adds, "we also owe a lot of that to our mother who truly was a helpmeet for dad."

Both parents taught the gospel in word and example, Rick says.

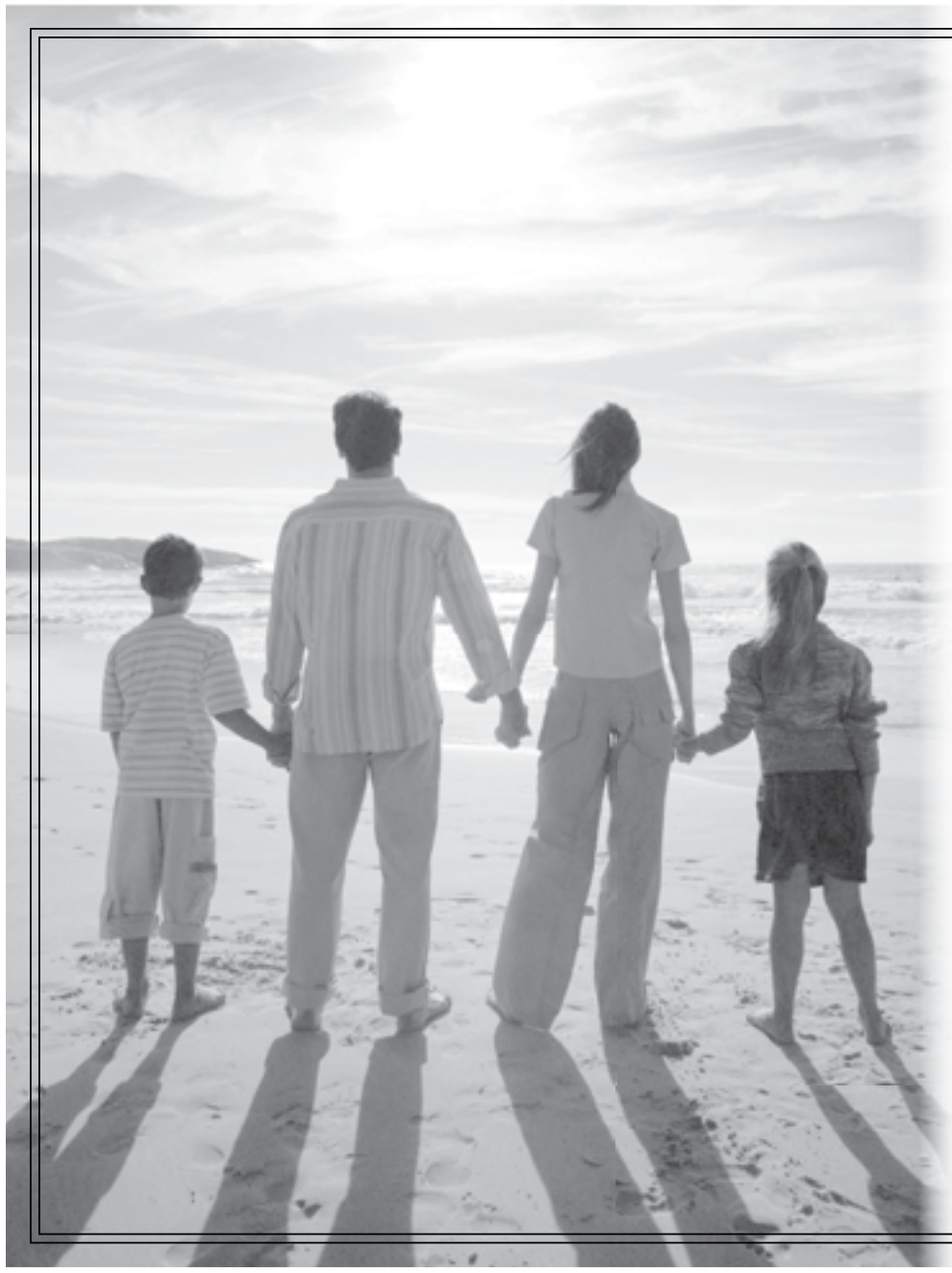
Photo courtesy Rick Turley

Long-time member of the Arizona legislature, Church and community leader and beloved father and friend, Stan Turley, shown here with his wife, Cleo, dies at 93.

"Dad had a lot of 'Turleyisms,' but one thing he taught us was to do our best and then to not worry about things. He taught us that things would always work out and that the Lord would make up for our shortcomings when we truly tried to do our best in serving in the Church and our family."

Rick said his father spent the last year quietly tending to his family and, even at age 93, he knew the names of all 56 great-grandchildren.

"When my mom passed away in 2004, we put on their headstone, 'Their legacy—a large and happy family.' That is what was truly important to both our parents."



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SOON TO BE 90,

Anna Arnett Publishes Her Second Book

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Photo by David Arnett

Anna Arnett, 90, who recently published her second book, participates at a book signing with authors (left to right) Margaret Turley, Luanne Rice, Anna and Peg Decker.

Anna Laurene Lilenquist Arnett will mark two important milestones this year. She celebrates the release of her second book, *Just a Woman*, a collection of poems and comments; and, later this year, she will turn 90.

I looked forward to and still enjoy being an octogenarian, but who wants to be a nonagenarian? Or a non-anything?"

Known by many for her long years of service both inside and outside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and her quick wit and sense of humor, Anna is a member of the Gilbert Stapley Stake, where she serves as a ward Sacrament Meeting chorister.

She and her husband, Charles—who she says "graduated from mortality six years ago"—have 7 children, 28 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

A former English teacher, Anna says, "Within the soul of every English teacher lurks a desire to write, so I tried several genres. About a year ago, I found a pamphlet of poems written by an aunt. I wished to publish it, and those of a niece and other friends as well as my own."

Anna assembled her collection of poems, then added comments. She says, "I hoped, with comments about each poem, to convince a few people who think they dislike poetry that it's a wonderful way to express and remember thoughts."

An avid fan herself, Anna says, "I've memorized poems since my nursery-rhyme days, and can still recite on demand."

The title poem of her new book, *"Just A Woman,"* is possibly one of her best and conveys the wonder of women. "What greater goal could one strive for than to be among those who inspire refinement, influence children, and promote growth, peace, righteousness?" says Sister Arnett

Another of her personal favorites, she says, "I've yet to read to someone who didn't laugh at the end of the last line."

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slip it into vocation.
If grumbling's your gift;
please, take a vacation.

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About the writing process, Anna says, "Rough drafts are relatively easy to do, but polishing can be difficult, or at least tedious."

She is currently working on another poetry volume and is reworking her deceased brother's play to make it into an historical novel called *Sealed with a Kiss*. She also is writing shorter books to augment her first book, *Lolly's Yarn*, a humor-filled memoir.

Anna also has plans to publish a craft book, called *Knit to Fit*, and a music book to accompany some of her poems. "At the present rate, it will take

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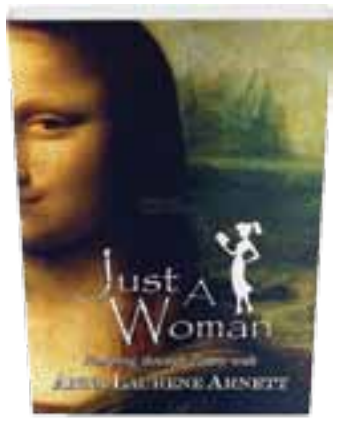

"Just a Woman," the second published book by 90-year-old Anna Arnett, includes poetry, along with Anna's commentary about some of the poems.

another decade," Anna says.

Still, Sister Arnett believes her writing has a purpose. "I feel that my writing is a missionary tool, to illuminate life as an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All of my contributors are LDS women. One is currently a missionary in the Arizona Tempe Mission. Each poem is, in my opinion, wholesome, uplifting, entertaining, and instructive."

Just a Woman, published by Punkin Roller Publishing, can be purchased through the publisher, at Latter-day Cottage, or online at Amazon.com. Or, Sister Arnett says, "The best bargain is through me. Contact me on FaceBook, using my full name, for a discount coupon number."

Greg Olsen & Howard Lyon
Lead Tour to
"Celebrate Art & Faith in Italy"

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In a unique combination of talent, testimony and travel, Gilbert-based artist Howard Lyon, will be joined by special guest, Greg Olsen, as they lead two tour groups and "Celebrate Art & Faith in Italy."

The tour will feature presentations by Greg and Howard about art history and technique, as well as explanations about the inspiration behind the artists' own work. The setting itself will allow participants to "step inside the Renaissance through the eyes of these artists," says Howard's wife and trip organizer, Shari Lyon. "And, there will be faith-promoting firesides and a tour of the Rome Italy Temple grounds—including attendance at the open house or a temple session, depending on the timing."

In addition, she explains, tour participants will "experience the beautiful Tuscan hills the way the locals do," beginning with a service project tailored to the season (i.e., olive-picking in the fall) and an opportunity to "learn the time-honored tradition of hunting for truffles" and "saffron cultivating." The tour will take in the wonders of Florence and the Carrara marble quarry, the source for famous sculptures by Medici and Michelangelo and, more recently, for the Christus and the Twelve Apostle statues for the Rome Temple Visitors' Center.

"In my experience there is nothing like travel to awaken the senses, stimulate new ideas, broaden perspectives and open the flood gates to your creative juices," says Greg.

Howard agrees, adding, "Certain places have the ability to rejuvenate our spirits. Perhaps no place on earth has fostered those things as completely as Italy has. Immersed in the birthplace of the Renaissance, one can't help but be reminded that our own spiritual rebirth can be cultivated."

Whether at home or abroad,

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Howard Lyon, of Gilbert, and his wife, Shari, are the organizers of two group tours designed to "Celebrate Art & Faith in Italy" in 2015.

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From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

Blessed by the tender—and tremendous—mercies of the Lord

Tender mercies of the Lord. Mentioned nearly a dozen times in the Psalms and known to Nephi, who referred to the "multitude of his tender mercies," the phrase has frequented modern-day LDS vernacular since Elder David A. Bednar's April 2005 General Conference address.

He testified that "tender mercies of the Lord" are "individualized blessings" that "are real and that they do not occur randomly or merely by coincidence."

Sometimes we speak of "little mercies;" other times, we see heaven and earth move in our behalf, witness orchestration far too intricate to have possibly been due to chance, and are reminded, and awed, by the goodness of the One who is truly in charge.

I experienced that on May 15. I had my bags packed and ready and was waiting for my traveling companion, whose son was taking us to the airport to catch a flight to Washington, DC, for an important conference. The time they were to pick me up came and went, and I began to worry.

Then I got a text from my 38-week pregnant daughter, who lives in Atlanta. At her appointment that morning, the doctor said the baby was measuring small and would do better on the outside. So, without even sending her home to pack a bag, they were admitting her to the hospital and planned to induce labor that afternoon, two weeks before her due date.

I then began to worry a lot. I was expected at the conference, and I wanted to be there; but I wanted to be in Atlanta at the same time. And, I certainly didn't want to be halfway in between, soaring through the air, with no way of knowing how things were going with my daughter in labor.

When my ride arrived, I quickly explained my dilemma. I also learned she was thinking our flight was at 1:40. It was 1:20. So, without any time to consider an alternate plan, we raced to the airport. On the way, my friend told me she had been induced with two of her four children and everything went fine.

That, alone, was a tender mercy, but, as we checked our bags and headed to the gate, I still felt torn. My friend stepped to the podium and got her seat assignment. I tried to do the same, the agent said the flight was oversold. There wasn't a seat left for me. The attendant had asked, but no one had volunteered to give up their seat. So, there it was. My daughter had texted just in time, my friend got the time wrong and everyone else on the flight got there ahead of us so I "just happened" to be the one who didn't have a seat.

Within moments, I had been reimbursed for the flight to Washington, DC, and had a flight to Atlanta that afternoon. The next morning, on May 16, my 16th grandchild was born. And, I was there in Atlanta, all through the tender, wonderful, personally tailored and amazingly tender—oh so tender—mercies of the Lord.

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"Nana" enjoys holding Owen Thomas Lichlyter after a series of "tender mercies" meant she was able to be in Atlanta the day he was born.

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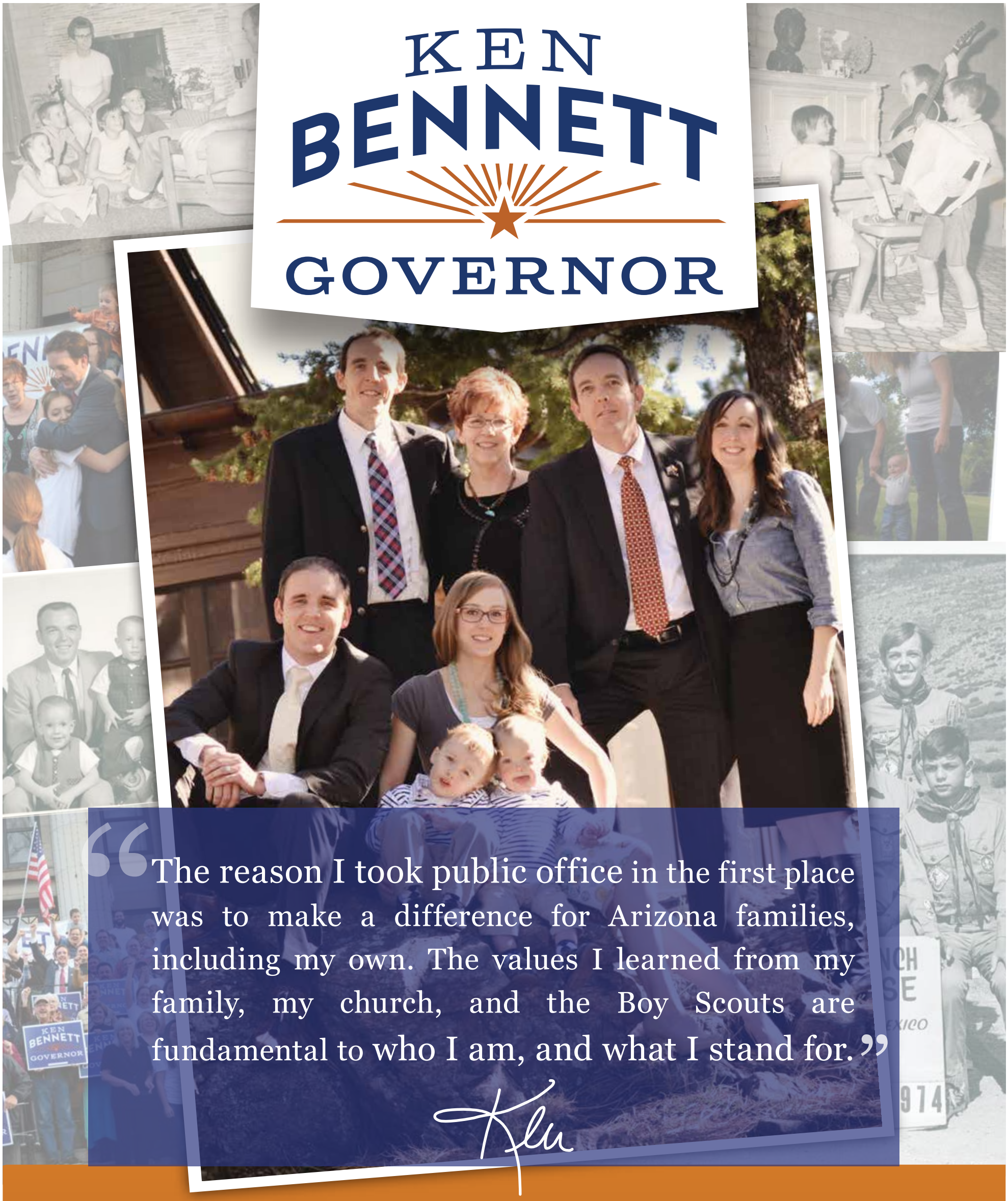
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Art & Faith In Italy

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Howard is passionate about this message, and, particularly, about sharing stories of hope and healing through paintings inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Born and raised in Mesa, Howard studied illustration at Brigham Young University. He worked in the video game industry for more than 20 years, painting dragons, trolls or scenes from science fiction. With additional study in Italy, France and at the Grand Central Academy in New York, and prompted by his own testimony, he has expanded his subject matter to create inspirational pieces. Many are award-winning paintings, several have appeared in the Ensign magazine, and two 15-foot murals now hang in the Gilbert Temple baptistery.

Greg, born in Idaho Falls, was encouraged to paint at an early age by supportive parents. In junior high, he was already taking art seriously. A high school art teacher helped solidify Greg's desire to make art his life's work. Greg went on to study art at Utah State University. His paintings of the Savior are well known to Latter-day Saints and are found in many homes, church buildings and temples. His paintings are popular throughout a wider Christian audience as well.

Photo courtesy of Greg Olsen

Greg Olsen, well-known for his paintings of the Savior, will be the guest artist, combining his talents to lead two group tours to Italy with Arizona artist, Howard Lyon.

Of the tour with Howard, Greg says, "The arrangements are first class and the atmosphere will be personal and intimate. I feel so fortunate to a part of this extraordinary adventure."

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Arizona Author & Illustrator Combine Talents to Create **Book of Mormon Novels**

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Illustrator Gabe Bonilla (left) and author Jason Mow (right) have combined their talents to produce the first in a series of illustrated novels and posters meant to encourage readers to become better acquainted and to emulate the heroes from the War Chapters of the Book of Mormon.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

"Growing up, I always admired Captain Moroni," says Jason Mow, of the Lazona Ward, Mesa Central Stake.

Yet, it wasn't until he was in Afghanistan, working on a government contract that his hero truly came to life for him.

There, in a strange land and faced with countless dangers, "I often thought and pondered about Captain Moroni," Jason says. "When he was half the age I was at that time, he was a military leader and was dealing with civil war and all kinds of things. I thought about how he had handled all that and about all that went into him being prepared so when the moment came, he was ready. I thought about how he remained faithful no matter what."

He says, the more he pondered, the more he saw the importance of coming to know and emulate Moroni and the other great leaders of the Book of Mormon.

"It was like the stories played like a movie in my head," says Brother Mow. As they did, he wrote the stories down, ultimately penning an entire novel, which he calls A Hero Rises: Moroni and the Battle for Manti, and which will be the first in The War Chapters series.

"These stories teach lessons about character, integrity and preparation. They are meant to help youth understand that they have to take the bull— or their life, in other words—by the horns and figure out how to be strong

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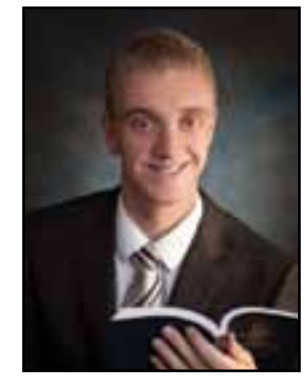

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Young people learn to serve by participating in The "Kids Who Care" Club

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

A few years ago, Leah Martineau noticed that her young son was seriously lacking in gratitude.

So, she decided to do something about it. Teaching her children to help those in need seemed like a perfect solution.

"I know giving service needs to start at an early age. I felt inspired to organize a service club for kids," says Sister Martineau of the Boulder Creek Ward, Mesa Arizona Boulder Creek Stake.

In November 2011, Leah shared her ideas with other moms in her neighborhood and they, in turn, told others. Soon, there were 50 youth who had agreed to each earn a few dollars and donate the money for supplies and treats. The young people then created paper Christmas stockings and stuffed them with goodies purchased with the donations. They also made ornaments and Christmas cards and delivered all the items to Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa.

"It turned out to be a wonderful experience. It was great showing our children they could brighten the lives of children who were sick or injured," says one of the moms who participated along with her children.

And. thus, "Kids Who Care" was born.

With Sister Martineau at the lead, the fledgling organization conducted other service projects, ranging from decorating pots and planting flowers in them to give to a nursing home for the 4th of July, to having kids earn money to donate to a boy in the community who needed a service dog.

Photo by Shaun Martineau

Children participating with Kids Who Care Service Club do various service projects, such as the one shown here when they made stockings at Christmastime, filled them and donated them to Cardon's Children's Medical Center in Mesa.

Today, the Kids Who Care organization continues to provide opportunities for "kids" to help "other kids." For their service project in May, the young volunteers earned money and then went with their parents to buy diapers, bottles, formula and other baby items. These were then donated to a women's and children's shelter in Mesa.

Sister Martineau felt that the days leading up to the 4th of July was a good time to show local veterans that they were remembered and cared about. So, for its June project, Kids Who Care made "Blessing Bags" filled with hygiene products and other items. These bags were then donated to local veterans.

Sister Martineau feels the children who participate in Kids Who Care learn important values, starting with hard work. They earn their own money for the projects they participate in.

"The children pay for the supplies needed for each service project. They also learn sacrifice, compassion,

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in mind, body and testimony. They need to set themselves on the path."

Brother Mow says he knew that adding "powerful, hero-type images would help inspire young readers to be like those men they would read about."

> "I have great respect for this generation. They are destined to be heroes. They must be the most valiant, the most brave, the most loyal to Heavenly Father to stand against the evil at its greatest that is coming."

He approached Gabe Bonilla, of the Santan Branch, Chandler East Stake, a talented illustrator and owner of Bonilla Design.

"For me, I always wanted to do some illustrations based on the Book of Mormon," Gabe says, "I even started some, but they weren't working, so I put them on hold."

When Gabe heard about Jason's project, "It was like a dream come true, and I could see that what I had started had been saved for a reason."

As he has worked, he says, he wanted to convey their character traits and what may have been some of their physical attributes as well.

"I tried to connect with what I thought they could have looked like."

He says working on the project has blessed his life and strengthened his testimony.

"It has helped me get to know these heroes from the Book of Mormon, and to feel like they were real people," Gabe says. "It's made me appreciate the Book of Mormon and the value of what Mormon put in there for us."

Both the author and illustrator hope their work will inspire young people and remind them of their destiny.

"I have great respect for this generation," Jason says. "They are destined to be heroes. They must be the move valiant, the most brave, the most loyal to Heavenly Father to stand against the evil at its greatest that is coming."

Jason hopes his novel will also interest readers in going back to read the Book of Mormon.

"I want them to go back and read about Moroni and Teancum and the others and ponder for themselves what might have happened and how they can apply the stories from the Book of Mormon in their own lives, how they can be heroes themselves."

He believes, "This is really what the War Chapters are about. They were written for our day, with a warning about what is going to happen if we aren't righteous. Today, we aren't facing a physical fight as much as a mental, emotional and spiritual fight. We need to be prepared to stand and not be moved."

Color posters of three of Gabe's illustrations are available at www.TheWarChapters.com, where a chapter from Jason's first book is available for free download. Also visit their Facebook page (The War Chapters) for updates.

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love and gratitude as they accomplish things, whether it be buying needed items (with money they earned) to giving of their time to work on the projects," says Sister Martineau.

Born in Mesa, Leah has lived in the Valley ever since. She and her husband, Shaun, are the parents of three children—Ryker, Amelia and Rigdon.

Leah, who has a teaching degree, says she loves working with children. She learned to organize and work with children during the eight years she taught preschool and when she served as her ward Primary president. She is currently the ward Relief Society president.

Sister Martineau says, "Any child [accompanied by a parent or guardian] may participate whenever there is a project going on that fits their schedule."

Those interested in having their children participate can follow the Kids Who Care Facebook page or Instagram account, "@kidswhocareserviceclub," to get details of upcoming events. To be included on the Kids Who Care mailing list, email Leah at leah5299@hotmail.com.

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Family Rights Caucus

Seeks Help from Concerned Individuals

The UN Family Rights Caucus is seeking support for the "Include the Family" campaign to ensure the family is not ignored but that protection for the family is included in the Sustainable Development Goals that are currently being drafted and will guide international development efforts for the next 15 years.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of what was established by the United Nations in 1994 as the International Year of the Family. Yet, according to the UN Family Rights Caucus, the United Nations is ignoring the family's vital role and the Caucus is urgently seeking help from individuals worldwide.

The original designation emphasized "families, as basic units of social life" and said their contribution "is crucial" for society's success." In support of the Year of the Family, the first International Conference on the Family was held in Salt Lake City. Over 600 delegates from 56 countries participated. President Thomas S. Monson, then an apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was the keynote speaker and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed for the closing session.

This year, however, while a call was issued for people around the world to hold events celebrating the family, the UN itself "is ignoring its obligation to protect the family as called for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," says the UN Family Rights Caucus, chaired by Family Watch International, a nonprofit organization based in Gilbert, Ariz.

In response, the Caucus has created an educational campaign and a petition and, they say, "We need everyone's help to protect the family at this time."

Family Watch president, Sharon Slater, says, "This is a critical time as a UN working group is currently creating the 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) that will guide international development efforts for the next 15 years. Yet, in these important deliberations, the UN is ignoring the family."

She notes that Family Watch and other members of the Family Rights Caucus are not based on religious ideologies.

"We don't use religion or scripture; but we rely on social science date, lessons from history and research showing the best outcomes for men, woman and children," Sharon says.

However, many, particularly those wanting to promote a "sexual rights" agenda, tend to ignore the facts, Sharon notes.

"They try to label members of the Family Rights Caucus as religious organizations in order to discount them. However, Family Watch has members in more than 170 countries of all cultures and faiths, who all understand that the family is truly the fundamental unit of society. All healthy societies are based on strong, stable families."

Sharon says, the impact of the sustainable development goals currently being developed will be far-reaching.

She adds, "A few countries, such as Belarus, Qatar and the delegation of the Holy See, have called upon the UN to establish a standalone goal to protect the family as part of the new UN sus-

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Multiple sclerosis diagnosis helps mom of five define

"The Essence of a Mother"

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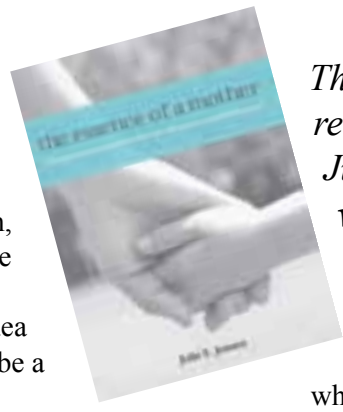

The Essence of a Mother, recently released by author Julie Jensen, redefines what it truly means to be a "good mother."

As a young mother of five children, Arizona native, Julie Jensen, thought she had a pretty clear idea of what it meant to be a "good mother."

"I thought it was all about having a clean house, carpooling kids, putting fabulous meals on the table, and all the other things mothers 'do,'" she says.

The tall, auburn-haired mom with her ready smile and infectious laugh, was doing all that and more.

Then, 13 years ago, Julie was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. As the disease progressed, she gradually lost the ability to do every one of those things that made up her definition of a mother.

"As I became more disabled, and not able to function physically the way I thought a mother 'should,' I had to redefine what it meant to be an effective mother."

"It caused me to go within and to take a deep look at myself and who I really am within," Julie says. Most of all, Julie says, she had to get beyond the physical and more tangible world of "doing," and "I had to look at who I was 'being,'" she explains.

Julie says, even as she became more disabled, "I eventually realized that my health challenge was a gift. It enabled me to slow down and focus on what is truly important, which is being present with my children."

"Sometimes I was too exhausted and weak to do anything more than have them lay next to me and just lift my arm and give them a hug," she says, then quickly adds, "but that's all they wanted. That's what they truly needed from me as a mother."

What she saw and learned not only blessed her own family, but, now, those lessons are available to others as well as Julie has written about her experiences and has shared powerful "how tos" in her recently published book, *The Essence of a Mother: Being Conscious of the Sacred Moments of Motherhood.*

She says the process of writing the book, "was a 'God gift." She got up every morning at 4:04 for four weeks and wrote. "I just let it flow through me."

She now hopes, through her book, she can use her life experiences to help others.

"What I talk about in the book is not just about mothers, it is about universal truths that apply to everyone," Julie says. It teaches readers to "take a look at themselves, to be more present, to put down the cell phone and really view their children or others around them."

"There are days when it is so hard, but I always have a choice. I can't always control the situation, but I can *always* control my mind and chose to respond in a positive way. We all have that choice and choosing to be positive makes a tremendous difference in the outcomes we experience."

Photos courtesy Julie Jensen

Julie Jensen, Arizona native and mother of five, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 13 years ago, shares what she has learned in her recently released book.

She says the way we interact with others helps them understand: "That we come from source greater than ourselves, and that there is unconditional love available for us."

"Basically, it's what we teach in the gospel," Julie says, "and, it is vitally important that children—and everyone else as well—understand. We come from the divine. Our lives matter. We're here for a purpose."

The Essence of a Mother is available in bookstores and on Amazon.com. To learn more or sign up for Julie's weekly newsletter, visit www.pure-essence.org

BYU alumni groups support **Read On Arizona** program

Photo courtesy Patty Mullen

Members of the Arizona chapters of the BYU Management Society and BYU Alumni Association participated with Mesa's United Way to collect books as part of the Read On Arizona project. As a result, students at three different elementary schools in Mesa received gifts of books along with encouragement to read over the summer.

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

The Arizona Chapters of the BYU Management Society and BYU Alumni Association teamed up with the Mesa United Way to support Mesa's 12 Book Program as part of Read On Arizona.

"The purpose of this one program was to provide books to children from low-income homes, so they could have books to read over the summer, with a goal of trying to prevent reading loss," says Patricia Mullen, Read On Mesa program coordinator.

In order to give each child a take-home library of 12 books, the program needed to collect 3,240 new or gently used books.

During this initial run, the program surpassed their goal with a total collection of over 4,000 donated books; enough for every kindergarten student at Guerrero, Longfellow and Holmes elementary, the first three schools the project focused on.

BYU Management Society members helped collect books, donating some from their home libraries, as well as garnering book donations from others.

The Management Society then joined with BYU Alumni and United Way workers to clean the books, removing stickers and erasing pencil marks and other minor blemishes on the books.

For many, the book cleaning project was a family affair. Rich Wilson, director and chair of service and networking for Arizona's Management Society chapter, took his 11-year-old daughter.

"As my daughter was cleaning the books, she would be like, 'Oh, this is a great book,'" he says. "I'm hoping that will inspire my daughter to read more, and that the younger kids will get as excited as she got."

The Management Society joined United Way in delivering books to Guerrero and Longfellow Elementary.

"We had readers there to read books to the kids while others were handing them out, just to kind of get them excited and engaged in reading," Brother Wilson says.

Brother Wilson was determined to get the Management Society chapter involved in this project when he learned about the correlation between books in a child's home and the likelihood of that child continuing their education.

"They found that a family that has at least 30 books in the house increases the chances of those children going to college, and families that have 100 books plus, they have 75 or 85 percent chance of going to college," he says. "And, some of these homes had zero books. We just wanted to get something out there for them, and get them excited."

He saw the 12 Book Program as a natural way to further the Management Society's mission.

"It's a great alignment with what the Management Society is trying to do to grow moral and ethical leadership worldwide," Brother Wilson says. "Obviously, literacy is going to be important."

He hopes the chapter's involvement in this project will help others realize how easy it is to make a difference and inspire them to continue donating on a private basis, helping the 12 Book Project continue to move forward and meet its goals.

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Single Mom, Raised Catholic

Finds the *Church*

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

This past April, Cheryl Ball, of the Mountain View Stake in Mesa, celebrated her one-year anniversary as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sister Ball is a busy mother of six boys, ages 9 through 19, and has been raising her boys alone for the past six years. She has been a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for 25 years and a fitness instructor for 20 years.

Her youngest sons, nine-year-old twins, Sam and Nate, were instrumental in bringing the missionaries into her life.

Sister Ball, who had been raised Catholic, says, "We had just moved back to Mesa and Sam was out playing on the playground and saw the missionaries walking by. He asked them if they were missionaries and said to them that they needed to come talk to his Mom."

Sam came home with the missionaries' card in hand, and he told his mother that the missionaries wanted to meet her. She began meeting with the fulltime elders, Elder Kiene and Elder Korbridge.

"This was the wonderful beginning of learning about the gospel and the Book of Mormon," says Sister Ball.

The single mom was baptized shortly after that first meeting.

The twins, Samuel and Nathaniel, chose to be baptized after they had attended Primary and had felt the spirit there. They were both baptized on the same day just six or eight weeks after their mom had joined the Church.

Sister Ball's eldest son, Takoda, noticed a difference in his mom and brothers.

"He saw a positive change in my life and wanted to go to church and learn about Jesus Christ," says Sister Ball.

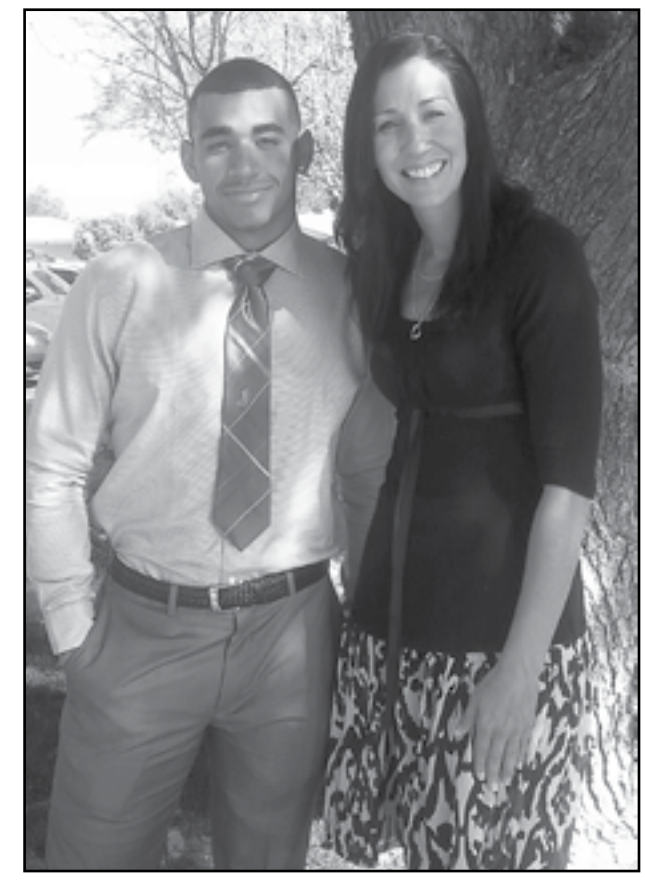
About nine months after his younger brothers had entered the waters of baptism, Takoda, 19, was baptized on March 24, 2014.

Sister Ball says, in the year since she joined the Church, the gospel has richly blessed her life.

"The gospel has brought me to the fullness of our Heavenly Father," she says, adding that her new faith has brought "a peace and joy that is an awesome blessing to my life."

Sister Ball says her favorite scripture is Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

"I can truly say that the comfort of Heavenly Father's promises and the comfort and amazing gift of our Savior Jesus Christ has changed my life with continued blessings," she says. "The comfort of the Holy Ghost is a gift from God that when you humble yourself to the Father, you will have that everlasting peace, comfort and joy. I am grateful for this knowledge."



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Cheryl Ball, shown here with one of her sons, is a single mother of five and a recent convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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The Princess Festival Comes to Arizona

By Stacy Johnson
The Beehive

Grandparents of 32 granddaughters, Ron and Maureen Hatfield of Utah have loved to host Princess parties for more than 20 years. They now share their fun with Princesses all over Utah and are coming to Arizona this summer.

At their Princess Festivals, children meet the Princesses of Everley and, through interactive play, guided by volunteers dressed in costume, the participants are taught the importance of caring for others, creative ways to make a difference, and that "real magic" comes from within the heart and mind.

The Princess Festival is coming to the Clearview Cultural Center, 1355 S. Clearview Ave. Suite 300 A in Mesa, with one-day sessions each day from July 8 to 12. The experience lasts about four hours. Girls, as well as boys, ages 3 to 12 will enjoy a variety of entertaining shows, participate in solving a mystery, experience Never Land and visit with Peter Pan and the gang.

The adventure also includes spending time in the Classical Princesses Service Area. Here, guests can write letters to military personnel, make bookmarks for an abused children's center or write a letter to a child in the hospital.

There is also a Royal Ball of Everley just for dads and their daughters. The ball is separate from the festival, but is a way for dads and daughters to add to the fun. It includes a light dinner buffet, basic dance instruction and dancing, storytelling and magic. For details, including pricing, visit www.clearviewculturalcenter.com and click on the Princess Festival banner at the right.

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"I'm looking for someone who would value these items for their own use and library or someone who may have a passion for historical things, who would have an interest in any of these videos."

A member of Cooper Ward, Mesa South Stake, John says his archives include video masters of school, community and Church events, including the 1981 Mesa Temple Visitors' Center dedication by Boyd K. Packer. In addition to capturing the dedicatory services, John says, "I left the camera running at the end and turned it on the crowd, so it shows a lot of the people in attendance at that event."

John, who says he is not interested in making money on them, would make individual masters available, "or I would offer the whole thing to an organization, individual or couple who would value it for its historical significance."

To contact John Westover, call 480-835-0558.

Family Rights Caucus
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tainable development goals, but again, they have been completely ignored."

"What is happening is a direct assault, and the family will continue to be undermined if we don't take a stand."

Sharon says, "The Family Rights Caucus urgently needs your help. These goals are close to being completed, and we need to demonstrate worldwide support for including the family."

To help, she says, sign the international petition by going to: citizengo.org and clicking on UN "Include the Family!" Campaign. Then, forward the petition for others to sign.

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At 91, Helen Schlie Closes One Chapter & Begins Yet Another

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Photo by Cecily Markland

Helen Spencer Schlie, who closed her Old and Rare Bookstore in March, continues to enjoy all aspects of life and says she still has many more things she intends to accomplish.

Helen Spencer Schlie, of the Udall Ward, Mesa Stake, closed her Old and Rare Bookstore in March, just a few months before her 91st birthday.

Yet, Helen is not "retiring."

She continues to welcome guests to her home west of the Mesa Temple, where you may find her engaged in an in-depth gospel discussion, quoting from memory one of the many inspirational and meaningful poems she's written, or sharing details of a new tidbit she's learned.

One of the last living World War I widows, Sister Schlie became the topic of a national media storm when her copy of an original, 1830 Book of Mormon was stolen and again when it was recovered nine months later.

Sister Schlie had first made headlines many years earlier when, in Pontiac, Michigan, she was the model who introduced the new "wide track Pontiac." During World War II, she worked at the General Motors plant, inspecting Army trucks as they came off the assembly line.

She had married at 17, just three months after graduating from high school, and they had a daughter, Alnita, born in 1941. Their marriage ended in divorce shortly after. After the War, Helen supported herself and her daughter by opening, first, a cotton sheen clothing store, then a bakery, and later, a millenary shop.

In 1955, she married Walt Schlie, a WWI veteran.

"Walt was a wonderful man. He loved to dance, and he was a wonderful step-father to Alnita," she says.

In 1961, she joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a move she said has directed her life ever since; and, in 1962, Walt retired and the couple traveled across the country before ending up in Mesa.

Though it would be five years before Walt joined the Church, the couple opened an LDS bookstore near the Temple in Mesa and ran it together until 1990.

Helen plans to continue to pursue her dreams, including an ice cream business that would provide funds for prospective missionaries, a line of jewelry she has designed and another book of poetry. She particularly wants to continue making available pages from the 1830 Book of Mormon, now framed with cherry wood from the farm where the prophet Joseph Smith was raised.

While her accomplishments are noteworthy and her dreams are quite lofty, Helen finds great joy in the "little things" as well—for example, recently, after breaking a mirror she had for many years, she was pleased to quickly find a replacement, "and for only $1.49," she laughs.

"Life is so wonderful. I just love every minute of it."

The Book of Mormon pages and several items from her bookstore are available at www.LDSBooksandArt.com. Or, to contact Helen, call 480-671-0676 or email helenspencer-schlie@gmail.com.

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Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

Tips for Teaching and Speaking in Church

We Mormons tend to be a casual bunch, which, I'm guessing, is linked to the fact that our church is also our social world. Thus, it can be tough to speak or teach one another in a credible way. Sometimes, we forget where to divide casual from respectful and appropriate.

We know speaking in public is people's number one fear. Perhaps not so much for Latter-day Saints who have been speaking and teaching since Primary, but, still, most of us are not professionals. I offer a few ideas for brush up.

Remember, the beginning of a talk sets the stage. It builds the expectations of the audience, establishes credibility. Spend time developing your opening. Give the audience a reason to listen rather than snooze. First impressions matter; plus, a good beginning allows you to get into the rhythm of your message.

Too many speakers start off with an apology or begin with a nervous giggle concerning the story of when or how the speaker was given his assignment. Both tactics lower listeners' expectations, but listeners particularly dislike apologies of insecurity. Instantly, listeners brace for… Well, they brace for less.

Now, the world won't end when you have a rough start; however, hours of preparation are immediately downgraded, and you find yourself behind in efforts to be a credible message giver.

The best introductions begin with a loving greeting to the audience and words of gratitude for the opportunity.

Pay serious attention to body language. "Perk up" might be a good thought; laid back just doesn't work. It's okay to use gestures, but keep hands off your body; no wiping, scratching or hair adjustments, please.

Then, always, an appropriate story pulls the audience right in. If not a story, then start with the most powerful, poignant element of your talk; begin with strength. Back up your power message with supportive details, using eye contact, then, as you're wrapping up, refer to the high point again, and tie a bow around it. Lock it down. End with sincere testimony.

Notes are fine; but, don't read your talk, if you can help it. Of course, reading is not always a no-no, especially if you're new at speaking or doubt your memory (as I often do). But, stories are easy to remember. If you can tell it, don't read it. If you read it, keep repeated eye contact with your audience.

Remember, children also are in your audience. Always add elements that speak directly to them.

In advance, time your talk (or your lesson), several times. To speak past your time is almost a sin and puts you out of integrity with other speakers and your audience. In my book, the time-crime is egregious and avoidable.

Most of all, be real, even if you break all the rules (except, never, ever keep chewing gum in your mouth during a talk.) Be pleasant, look into the eyes of your ward friends. Good luck. Improvements are worth it—for everyone.

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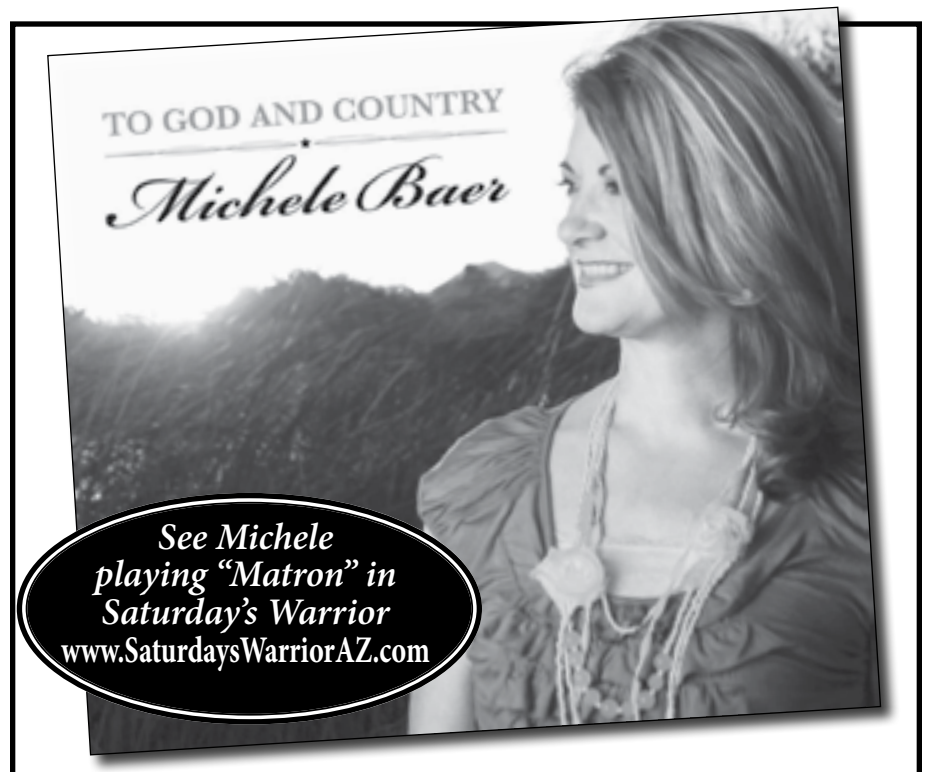

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LDS Father Finds Help for
Mood Disorders, ADHD, Anxiety and Depression

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

When depression, anxiety and bipolar disease wreaked havoc in his family, Tony Stephan, a Canadian father and Latter-day Saint, desperately sought answers. His discoveries led to his subsequent formulation of a natural remedy for the broad range of mental challenges and mood disorders that affect so many in the world today.

Debbie, Tony's wife of 23 years, had been diagnosed with bipolar affective disorder. She experienced extreme mood shifts and explosive behavior, eventually taking her own life, just as her father had done. Two of their children had the same bipolar diagnosis, and, even with medication and hospital visits, demonstrated extremely dangerous and destructive habits.

"I thought, there had to be an answer," Tony says.

Eventually, he heard about Ear and Tail-biting Syndrome, which causes animals to become aggressive and hyper-irritable. When he learned this syndrome could be nutrated away, a light bulb went on.

Now, over the past 17 years, Tony has helped over 100,000 people in over 100 countries with the nutritional supplement he calls EMPowerplus Q96.

EMPowerplus Q96 consists of 36 essential vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and antioxidants blended in a very specific manner.

In 2012, Tony teamed up with Scott Malone to help market his product. "EMPowerplus works by giving the brain the right balance of vitamins, and trace minerals on a regular basis," Scott explains. "The key to EMPowerplus Q96's effectiveness is a proprietary 96-hour micronization and nano-chelation process."

"With an estimated $25 million of research on this product, the study findings are overwhelmingly positive. Yet, the personal stories are most impressive," Scott says.

Kellie Schroeder, of Mesa, has a daughter with bipolar disorder. "After years of doctors, different meds, and hospitals, nothing we were attempting was helping her to get well, until Scott shared with us EMPowerplus."

Her daughter, Erin, says, "I would be so consumed with depression that I could not think rationally about my life…. panic attacks would hit me so hard that I couldn't control myself. … I couldn't work. I couldn't go to school."

Kellie says her daughter is "living proof that this micronutrient does help. It has changed her life for the better. It is a miracle for our family AND she is expecting her first child."

Mesa father, Mike Demke's son was serving an LDS mission, but was so depressed he was unable to work and there was talk about sending him home. "Within two weeks of starting on the product, he was a different person, so much so that his Mission President noticed his dramatic improvement."

Margo Johnson, also of Mesa, says their six family members faced challenges that ran the gamut from depression, to schizophrenic effective disorder, ADHD, autism and anxiety. "Things were so bad and we had dealt with them for so long… we were overwhelmed." Now, with EMPowerplus Q96, "My home, my whole life has changed. I now know my family is going to be okay. My family, now, is whole and well and I am just so grateful."

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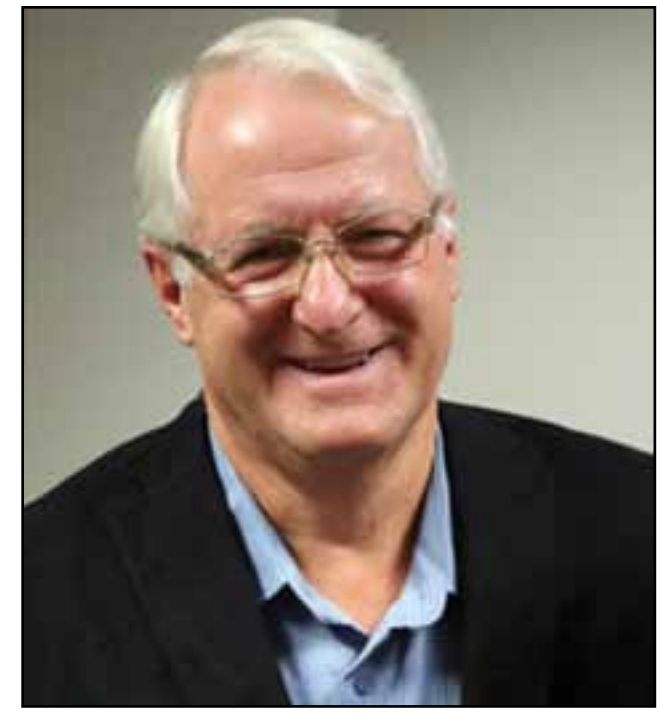

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After searching for a way to help his family members who suffer with bipolar disorder, LDS father, Tony Stephan, developed Empowerplus Q96, a micronutrient supplement, now with 25 studies showing benefits for everyone, including those with ADHD, depression, anxiety, mood disorders and many other challenges.
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in Gilbert Continues Reputation for QUALITY Products and Service

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Continuing the Horne family tradition, Horne Kia in Gilbert is known for its upright business practices, quality automobiles, value pricing and, most of all, for its "small-town" friendliness and excellent customer care.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Horne Auto Group has a reputation across the state for upright business practices and ethics; and that 100-year tradition continues with more-than-ample evidence in their newest enterprise—Horne Kia in Gilbert, which opened in 2009.

The milestones Horne Kia has achieved says a great deal, as within a year after opening, they were one of the top Kia dealers in the state, and, by the next year, Horne Kia in Gilbert was among the top100 Kia dealerships in the country.

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Michael Housh, Horne Kia's general manager, says their success stems from a good name and good service.

"Both names—Horne and Kia—have a good reputation for value," Michael says. "People see the Hornes' conservative values and the 'small town' way they do business, always treating other people the way they like to be treated," and "Kia has a good reputation for value as well. They are committed to building a quality vehicle. Their product has improved every year."

After 20+ years in the car business, Michael recognizes it's not always the case, but, "Here," he says, "they do what they say they're going to."

Horne Kia is also "very aggressive on price," Michael says. "All our used cars are at market or below, and that value pricing carries over into our service department as well."

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LDS-Owned Avista Senior Living Offers a Caring "Vista"

Approximately three years ago, Mesa-based Avista Senior Living, was launched by Kris Woolley of the Hermosa Vista Ward in the Hermosa Vista Stake. Since that time, Avista has acquired and operates two assisted living communities, one in Mesa and another in Phoenix. With a dedicated team of more than 110 employees, Avista's mission is to enrich the lives of the residents who live at its communities. Among the many assisted living alternatives available in the East Valley, Avista is unique in that its headquarters are located in downtown Mesa. Also, the fact that the company is LDS-owned and operated further differentiates Avista from many of the out-of-state chains and publicly traded alternatives.

After graduating from Harvard Business School in 2005, Avista founder and CEO Kris Woolley spent six years with a national apartment development and management company that was based on the East Coast. During that time, he led the company's efforts into the senior apartment segment of the market. In the process, he discovered a passion for working with seniors, and he tried to convince his former company to expand into assisted living. When he realized the company wasn't going to commit to this path, he decided it was time to form a new company, dedicated to providing excellent housing and assisted care to the aging senior population in Arizona.

The name Avista comes from the root word, "vista," which has reference to a scenic or panoramic view. As someone who has always loved hiking and climbing mountains, and enjoying the rewarding views from the peak, Woolley realized there was an analogy in the lives of the seniors his company serves.

"Many of our residents have lived long and rewarding lives. Every single one has a unique and interesting life story. The years of experience give our residents a wonderful perspective and panoramic view as they stand upon the pinnacle of the mountain that they have climbed during their own lives. Our goal is to provide a caring and dignified environment that will allow for maximum fulfillment by our residents at this stage in their life's journey."

Consistent with this theme, on June 25, the team and residents at Avista's Mesa campus (248 N Macdonald in Mesa) will celebrate the 100th birthday of Faustina Puleo, one of their cherished residents. According to Mary Jackson, Avista Mesa's Executive Director, "Faustina is most happy when she has someone to visit with. She is friendly to all, both residents and staff members alike. Her smile lights up the entire room when she walks in. We are proud of Faustina for reaching this milestone in her life. We are delighted to have her as part of our Avista family, and we wish her many more Happy Birthdays to come."

Photo courtesy Kristopher Woolley

Faustina Puleo (center), a resident at Avista Mesa, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 25. She is joined by the community Executive Director, Mary Jackson (right), and Avista Founder & CEO, Kris Woolley.

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Technologically Advanced HEARING AIDS: Founded by a Father's Promise to his Daughter

Photo by Dawn Chapman

Committed to helping his hearing-impaired daughter, Kate, Sam Thomasson set out to address some of the problems he saw with traditional hearing aids, ultimately engineering a new kind of hearing aid and founding Zounds Hearing, which now helps thousands of others.

Sam Thomasson, of the Higley Groves Ward, Highland West Stake, has witnessed firsthand the many problems with today's hearing aids. His daughter, Kate, is profoundly hearing impaired. Having witnessed her frustrations with traditional hearing aids, Sam, an accomplished engineer, promised her that he would fix these problems. Fifty-seven patents later, that promise became Zounds Hearing.

Zounds, established in 2005 in Phoenix, is working in the interest of the hearing impaired. Cutting costs and creating a superior product are very important to Sam. "Even though I paid $7,000 for Kate's aids, she still struggled to understand speech and hear in noisy environments. Many of Kate's challenges were directly caused by her traditional aids; I knew I had to do something about it."

To cover the spectrum of problems, Sam based his designs on a study identifying the top 10 complaints of hearing aid wearers. Sam highlights three he is most proud of:

Noise reduction. "The $7000 aids that claimed to have noise reduction simply reduced the overall volume." Yet, Kate's inability to hear in noisy environments–like school, restaurants and family gatherings–was a major frustration for her.

As an engineer, this was unacceptable to Sam, so he developed two technologies that could differentiate between human sounds and other sounds like wind or road noise and create a cone of listening in noisy conditions. The combination of the technologies gets rid of 90 percent of unwanted background noise, while enhancing voice.

Battery life. "Over the years my wife has made many runs to school or an event with new batteries for Kate." To answer this issue, he created rechargeable batteries that hold a charge for 18 hours, recharging at night in the charging station.

Cost. "I have seen too many folks wearing inferior hearing aids–or none at all–due to the exorbitant cost of these vital devices. With Zounds, you get our superior product through company-owned stores and franchises, at factory-direct prices. No middlemen means no mark-up."

Kate's life changed the moment she put on Zounds aids. She could hear sounds she had been struggling to imitate, the "t," "s" and "ch" sounds that were outside the range of traditional aids.

Kate is now a college student, studying electrical engineering. With dreams of following in her father's footsteps, Kate interns at Zounds, helping develop new technologies she will benefit from herself.

Being able to impact his daughter's future has been a great blessing to Sam and the Thomasson family and has benefited thousands of others. "I am thankful for the thousands who become customers and now friends," Sam says. "This started out as something I needed to do for Kate, but became bigger than both of us. It is incredibly rewarding to have helped so many."

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The "LAMBSON BOYS"

Produce CD of Piano Hymns

By Stacy Johnson
The Beehive

Photo courtesy Aria Lambson

The "Lambson Boys," Trevor (left) and Easton Lambson (right), 12 and 14 respectively, recently produced an album of arranged LDS Hymns.

Their Facebook page calls the two brothers the "Lambson Boys" and, with the oldest only 14, "boys" would be an accurate description. Yet, the Lambson Boys—Easton, 14, and Trevor, 12—of the Lenora Ward, Hermosa Vista Stake, have already demonstrated a measure of maturity, dedication and talent beyond their years.

Case in point is the fact that, last year, at ages 13 and 11, the two produced and released a CD collection of piano hymns titled "Truth: A Collection of Hymns."

Several years ago, their mother, Aria Lambson, was looking for something to help channel the energy of her two young boys, so she turned to music. They began the Let's Play Music program under the instruction of Lisa Jones, a friend in their ward. The boys acknowledge that she was "patient with our fidgety bodies and active minds." Their training with Lisa emphasized an overall approach to music, including theory, piano basics of note reading and ear training.

Upon graduating from that program, they began formal piano lessons with ward member, David Marcum. As stated on their CD cover, it was David's knowledge, talent and compassion that instilled a love of music in each of them. The boys add, "He pushes us beyond our abilities. If something in the music can be made better, he does it. He helps to change the music to fit us."

David's tutelage was so important to them that, even though he has moved to Branson, Missouri, he continues to teach the boys via Skype from over 1300 miles away.

David has taught them more than to just play notes on a page; he teaches different styles of music. Trevor's arrangement of "Called to Serve" is ragtime inspired, while Easton's arrangement of "We'll Bring the World His Truth" is accentuated with arpeggios and trills. The album features eight hymns selected from the hymnbook and Primary songbook produced by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and arranged by David Marcum and the boys.

The self-produced album took approximately eight hours to record, each song averaging almost an hour each to play perfectly.

"There are no digital fixes on this album, each song is published the way it was recorded at Richard Talbot's studio in Mesa," adds Aria. "The boys memorized each of their pieces and played them over and over until they played them perfectly."

The brothers practice the piano 45 minutes each day and can also be found playing football, basketball, weightlifting and hanging with friends.

Their grandmother, Saurell Jackson, says, "They are talented but they are also kind, sweet, loving and very respectful."

The boys put half the proceeds from CD sales into their mission savings accounts.

"It was a great incentive to get it done," says Aria.

The boys anticipate using their piano skills on their mission and look forward to composing more music in the future. Copies of their CD can be requested via their "Lambson Boys" Facebook page or by emailing: lambsonboys@gmail.com

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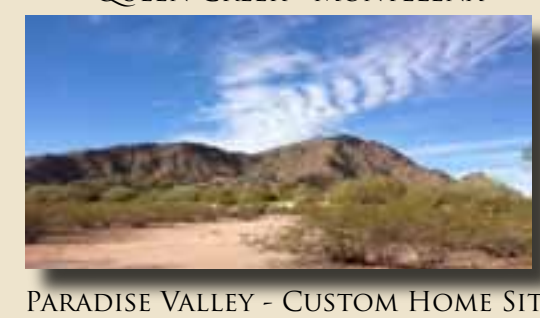

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